Operators, the existing link was to be used only for calls originating from any of the BSNL's Network and terminating into the Cellular Operator's Network and *vice-versa*. This link was never established for trasiting calls from any other Network unless mutually agreed between BSNL and CMSP.

2. COAI had also mentioned that during the same period, MTNL, Delhi blocked calls from cellular operators to fixed phones and *vice versa*. However, to their knowledge no action was initiated against MTNL for their said action even though it was widely known that such blockings (in Delhi) were not due to 'technical problems'.

3. COAI had assured that they deeply respect and acknowledge the authority of the Telecom Regulator, particularly in matters relating to interconnection and that they were and remain fully committed to ensuring smooth and fair interconnections between all operators. COAI had further mentioned that it is imperative that all the participants in this telecom industry, be it the incumbents, the Private Operators or Department of Telecom as well as regulator, encourage and evelop mutual respect and trust in each other rather than having prolonged and acrinominus litigation which could become road blocks for rapid development of this sector. In view of the above COAI had requested the Authority to take a considerate view of the entire issue and withdraw any such prosecution proceedings. In their view, any such prosecution proceedings will have an adverse impact on the reputations of the Indian companies in International markets and also impact relationships with foreign partners.

**Mobile and internet users**

1733. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tele-density during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of mobile and internet users during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The details of tele-density for the last two years, State-wise are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details regarding Mobile and Internet users for the last two years, State-wise are given in the Satement II and III respectively.

***Statement-I***

*State-wise tele density for the last 2 years*

| Sl. No. | State | Teledensity | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | As on 31.3.2002 | As on 31.3.2003 |
| 1. | Andaman & Nicobar | 9.04 | 9.60 |
| 2. | Andhra Pradesh | 4.93 | 5.56 |
| 3. | Assam | 1.67 | 1.94 |
| 4. | Bihar | 1.08 | 1.32 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 1.25 | 1.39 |
| 6. | Delhi | 22.11 | 26.85 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 6.37 | 7.44 |
| 8. | Haryana | 5.06 | 6.06 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 7.48 | 8.40 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 2.15 | 2.48 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 1.39 | 1.57 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 5.58 | 6.45 |
| 13. | Kerala | 9.51 | 11.13 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 2.49 | 2.88 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 7.67 | 9.11 |
| 16. | North East | 2.41 | 2.69 |
| 17. | Orissa | 1.88 | 2.22 |
| 18. | Punjab | 9.15 | 11.60 |
| 19. | Rajasthan | 3.02 | 3.40 |
| 20. | Tamil Nadu | 6.17 | 7.95 |
| 21. | Uttaranchal | 3.64 | 3.95 |
| 22. | Uttar Pradesh | 1.86 | 2.13 |
| 23. | West Bengal | 3.20 | 3.75 |
| | TOTAL (All India) | 4.29 | 5.11 |

NOTE:—

1. North-East includes the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
2. Maharashtra includes the State of Goa.
3. West Bengal includes the State of Sikkim.
4. Gujarat includes the Union Territories of (I) Dadra & Nagar Haveli & (II) Daman & Diu.
5. Kerala includes the Union Territory of Lakshdweep Islands.
6. Punjab includes the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
7. Tamil Nadu includes the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

***Statement-II***

*Number of Mobile Phone users for last two years*

| Sl. No. | State | As on 31.3.2002 | As on 31.3.2003 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andaman & Nicobar | — | — |
| 2. | Andhra Pradesh | 495841 | 883325 |
| 3. | Assam | 28711 | 47331 |
| 4. | Bihar | 123821 | 260537 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | — | — |
| 6. | Delhi | 1067676 | 1806159 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 467448 | 1045226 |
| 8. | Haryana | 100158 | 244566 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 22015 | 60690 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 0 | 0 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | — | — |
| 12. | Karnataka | 400134 | 821413 |
| 13. | Kerala | 367894 | 660394 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 211707 | 439769 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 1449679 | 2688982 |
| 16. | North East | 4512 | 8692 |
| 17. | Orissa | 49220 | 131382 |
| 18. | Punjab | 349018 | 917822 |
| 19. | Rajasthan | 118401 | 246362 |
| 20. | Tamil Nadu | 555549 | 1065186 |
| 21. | Uttaranchal | — | — |
| 22. | Uttar Pradesh | 311539 | 718707 |
| 23. | West Bengal | 308197 | 641094 |
| | TOTAL | 6431520 | 12687637 |

NOTE:—

1. Figures for A&N, Chhattisgarh, Jhakhand and Uttaranchal are included in West Bengal, M.P., Bihar and Uttar Pradesh respectively.
2. North-east includes the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
3. Maharashtra includes the State of Goa.
4. West Bengal includes the State of Sikkim.
5. Gujarat includes the Union Territories of (I) Dadra & Nagar Haveli & (II) Daman & Diu.
6. Kerala includes the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Islands.
7. Punjab includes the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
8. Tamil Nadu includes the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

***Statement-III***

*State-wise/Union Territory details of internet subscribers for last two years*

| Sl. No. | State/UT wise | As on 31.3.2002 | As on 31.3.2003 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andaman & Nicobar | 703 | 1112 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 360 | 1010 |
| 3. | Andhra Pradesh | 234571 | 219218 |
| 4. | Assam | 9899 | 14440 |
| 5. | Bihar | 11999 | 18895 |
| 6. | Chandigarh | 60228 | 38458 |
| 7. | Chattisgarh | 7827 | 9275 |
| 8. | Goa | 17494 | 19449 |
| 9. | Gujarat | 153515 | 195072 |
| 10. | Haryana | 12116 | 17015 |
| 11. | Himachal Pradesh | 3483 | 6410 |
| 12. | Jammu & Kashmir | — | 10235 |
| 13. | Jharkhand | 11386 | 14199 |
| 14. | Karnataka | 263020 | 259121 |
| 15. | Kerala | 109170 | 136458 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 743 | 959 |
| 17. | Manipur | 630 | 1026 |
| 18. | Meghalaya | 1455 | 5285 |
| 19. | Madhya Pradesh | 85307 | 89501 |
| 20. | Maharashtra | 770634 | 948264 |
| 21. | Nagaland | 452 | 2536 |
| 22. | Orissa | 17303 | 22343 |
| 23. | Pondicherry | 8984 | 14275 |
| 24. | Punjab | 69499 | 69938 |
| 25. | Rajasthan | 102588 | 121322 |
| 26. | Tripura | 816 | 1194 |
| 27. | Tamil Nadu | 331840 | 329624 |
| 28. | Uttaranchal | 10902 | 19801 |
| 29. | Uttar Pradesh | 96828 | 120006 |
| 30. | Sikkim | 928 | 965 |
| 31. | West Bengal | 132013 | 142663 |
| 32. | Delhi | 732962 | 650209 |
| | TOTAL | 3239675 | 3500278 |